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Aspects of her life story printed on p. 383 and 482 in vol. 1 of C. G. A. Oldendorp, *Historie der caribischen Inseln Sanct Thomas, Sanct Crux und Sanct Jan, insbesondere der dasigen Neger und der Mission der evangelischen Brüder unter denselben: kommentierte Ausgabe des vollständigen Manuskriptes aus dem Archiv der Evangelischen Brüder-Unität Herrnhut*, edited by Gudrun Meier et al. (= Volume 51 in the series *Abhandlungen und Berichte des Staatlichen Museums für Völkerkunde Dresden*). Berlin, Germany: VWB, Verlag für Wissenschaft und Bildung, 2000-2002.

Comments:

Oldendorp:

“Von der Goldküste und dasiger Gegend weit ins Land hinein warden die meisten Sklaven nach Westindien gebracht. Sie bestehen aus vielen Nationen.

Die vornehmste, kriegerischste und die das Menschenstehlen auch unter sich selber, am meisten verübet, ist die Nation Amina. Ich habe mich mit fünf ansehnlichen und verständigen Negern dieser Nation unterredet. Einer war ein vornehmer und reicher Kaufmann und Sklavenfänger, und also weit und breit herum gewesen, ein anderer des Königes Bruder, ein anderer ein Vetter eines Unterköniges, der eine große Armee von Schwarzen gehabt, von welchen 3000 Mann unter seinem Commando gestanden waren.”

English translation (Aaron Spencer Fogleman, 2022)

“Most of the slaves brought to the West Indies were from the Gold Coast and surrounding areas, to include far inland. They consisted of the following nations.

The noblest, most warlike, and most likely to steal people – even among themselves were those of the Amina nation. I conversed with five handsome, articulate Negroes of this nation. One was a noble and rich merchant and slave catcher who had traveled far and wide, another was

the brother of a king, another was the cousin of a viceroy who had a large army of Blacks, of which 3,000 were under his command.”

See also Nr. 44 for more context on this man.

Text of Account:

Original German –

“Ein Aminaneger, der des Königes Bruder war, ist von seinen eigenen Landsleuten in einem einheimischen Kriege weggenommen und nach dem Fort gebracht worden.”

English translation (Aaron Spencer Fogleman, 2022)

“An Amina Negro who was the brother of a king was taken from his people during an internal war and brought from there.”

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